

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 61–123 are pending in the present application. Claims 71–75, 91–93 and 104–106 were previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, but have not been canceled.

Claims 61 was amended herein to correct a typographical error, and claim 74 was amended herein for clarity.

Claims 71–73, 91–93 and 104–106 were amended herein for consistency with respect to the definite article employed.

Claims 109–123 were added herein from co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/589,626.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at dvenglarik@munckbutrus.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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